

In re: Navarro Acevedo *et al.*  
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Amendments to the Specification

Please amend the title of the invention on page 1 and page 66 as follows:

A MAJOR LATEX PROTEIN GENE AND PATHOGEN-ACTIVATED PLANT  
PROMOTER AND METHODS OF USING IT USE IN EXPRESSING HETEROLOGOUS  
NUCLEIC ACIDS IN TRANSFORMED PLANTS

Please amend the abstract of the invention on page 66 as follows:

Compositions and methods to aid in protecting plants from invading pathogenic organisms are provided. The compositions of the invention comprise ~~an anti-pathogenic gene, including the a~~ a pathogen-activated promoter capable of driving expression of the heterologous nucleic acid ~~gene, and the major latex protein encoded by the anti-pathogenic gene~~. The compositions find use in methods for reducing or eliminating damage to plants caused by plant pathogens. Methods of using the pathogen-activated promoter to express heterologous nucleic acids in plants are provided. Transformed plants, plant cells, tissues, and seed comprising the gene ~~and~~ pathogen-activated promoter, which thereby have enhanced disease resistance, are also provided.